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your answers, and I would likewise ask that

question before you start answering and also

to allow for a brief pause after I state my

questions to make sure that your counsel

you be very careful to let me finish my

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6 1 Dodge 1 Dodge 2 doesn't feel she needs to object for some 2 you graduated from college? 3 reason. 3 Α Research assistant. 4 Do you understand all that? 4 Q For whom? 5 Α Ldo. 5 Α American Institute of Counselors? 6 Ω Okay. Have you ever been deposed 6 Q What type of organization is American 7 before? 7 Institute of Counselors? 8 Α Investment organization, investment Yes, I have. 8 Α 9 0 On how many occasions? 9 management firm. 10 10 O How long did you stay in that Q 11 When was the last time you were 11 position? 12 deposed? 12 Α Until September of 1979. 13 Α 1988. 13 Q I see. So you started with --14 Q And what sort of matter was it? 14 started with them prior to graduating from 15 Α It involved the Commodity Futures 15 college? 16 Trading Commission versus a local lead 16 A The undergraduate -- no. I graduated 17 dealer, Chicago Board Options Exchange, 17 the December semester in 1975. The date on 18 usually referred to as the CBOE. my degree is the following graduation year. 18 19 Q Were you a party in that litigation? 19 Then I started working in February of 1976. 20 Α No, we were not. I had been in the Marine Corps, and I had 21  $\cap$ Were you deposed as a nonparty 21 off -- came back to school in January 22 witness? instead of September. 22 23 Α That's correct. 23 What was the next job that you held? 24 Q When were you deposed prior to that? 24 Α I was a securities analyst for 25 Α I can't give you the exact date. 25 American Security Bank of Washington, D.C. 7 1 Dodge Dodge 1 2 '78, '79. Somewhere in that time frame. For what period of time? 2 Q 3 Q What type of matter was that related 3 Α 1979 to 1981. 4 to? 4 Q What was your next job after that? 5 A dispute over property rights, I Α Chief investment officer, National 5 Α 6 guess. I couldn't even begin to describe 6 Bank of Washington, Washington, D.C. 7 exactly what the nature, you know, the 7 Q What period of time were you the 8 specific nature of it was. 8 chief investment officer for that 9 Q Okay. Were you a party in that 9 organization? 10 litigation? 10 Α November 1981 to August of 1983. 11 Α No. MS. KARP: Bill, this is Judy. 11 12 Q Have you ever given testimony in 12 Just slow down. 13 court before? 13 0 What was your next job after that? 14 Δ No. 14 Α E.I. DuPont in the DuPont Pension 15 Q I'll just try and run through these 15 Fund in Wilmington, Delaware. 16 background questions relatively quickly 16 Q What responsibilities did you have 17 since we don't have a lot of time. 17 with respect to that pension fund? 18 When did you graduate from college? 18 I was a director of quantitative 19 My last degree was in 1980, master's 19 equity strategies and senior portfolio 20 degree from the University of Massachusetts. 20 manager. 21 Before that, 1976, the University of 21 Q What were your responsibilities in 22 Massachusetts. 22 that position? 23 Q What was your master's degree in? 23 I managed \$4.3 billion of domestic 24 Α General business and finance. 24 equity assets. 25 0 What was the first job you held after 25 Were these assets of DuPont?

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6 small and high-net-worth individuals as well 7 as major institutions in the United States, 8 Europe and Australia, Canada as well. 9 Did you move to Fox Asset Management 10 after you left Dean Witter? I did not. 11 Α 12 Q What was your next job after Dean 13 Witter? 14 Δ Marvin & Palmer Associates in 15 Wilmington, Delaware. 16 Q What position did you hold there? President and senior portfolio 17 Α 18 manager. What period of time did you hold that 19 0 20 position? 21 Α April 1996 to April 1998. Q 22 What were your job responsibilities 23 there? 24 Α Managed domestic equity assets.

6 operation? 7 No. The corporate shell still exists 8 as a legal entity but has assigned all its 9 entities to my current firm, Fox Asset 10 Management. 11 Q When did that take place? 12 Α Approximately March 9th, 2005. 13 Am I correct that Fox Asset 14 Management had been in existence prior to 15 your assignment of Nine Gates Capital's 16 assets to that firm? 17 Α You would be correct in that 18 assumption. 19 Q But you didn't work for Fox Asset 20 Management prior to March 9, 2005? Α 21 That's correct. 22 Q Are you currently a member of Fox 23 Asset Management? 24 Α Yes.

How many other members are there?

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What was the total amount of the

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1 Dodge 2 Α Fox Asset Management, LLC, I believe

3 there are two or members.

4  $\mathbf{Q}$ Who are they?

5 Α I believe James B. Hawks, chairman,

Eaton, E-A-T-O-N, Vance, V-A-N-C-E, 6

7 Companies in Boston, a parent of Fox Asset

8 Management, LLC, and Jeffrey Balae,

9 B-A-L-A-E, chief investment officer of Eaton

10 Vance Companies, Boston, Massachusetts.

11 Is Peter Skirkanich currently

12 employed by Fox Asset Management?

13 Α He is not.

14 Q Do you know when he left the firm?

15 Δ I believe it was November 7th of

16 2004, but I'm not one hundred percent

17 certain. Close to that date.

18 Q Do you know the reason why he left?

19 Α He resigned and retired.

20 Q Is Robert Lamberti still employed by

21 Fox Asset Management?

22 Α He is not.

23 Q Do you know when he left the firm?

24 Α Approximately January 8th of 2005.

25 Q Do you know why he left? Dodge

2 Steelworkers Pension Trust?

3 At the present time that would be me.

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4 O: How long have you been directly

5 responsible for managing the Steelworkers

6 Pension Trust assets?

7 Α I'm not sure if there is a specific

date I can refer to, but it would be in the 8

9 May to June time of this year.

10 Is there some business reason why you

11 assumed responsibility for the Steelworkers

12 Pension Trust assets at that time?

13 It's been my intention to be involved

14 in the management of client accounts in

15 particular clients whose mandates are for

16 large cap value investments, and it's a very

important client to us and I also take a 17

very special interest because of that, and I 18

19 have a past relationship with one of the

20 advisors to the pension trust.

21 Ω Which advisor are you referring to?

22 Α Mr. Howard Klutz, K-L-U-T-Z.

23 Q What is your previous relationship

24 with Mr. Klutz?

25 Α He was a salesman who covered me at

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2 Α He did not give a reason for

3 resigning.

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4 Q What are your current job

5 responsibilities at Fox Asset Management?

6 I am the chief executive officer.

7 president of Fox, and I am responsible for

8 all activities at Fox Asset Management, LLC

9 on a day-to-day basis.

10 How many employees does -- how many

11 professional employees does Fox Asset

12 Management have?

13 I'm sorry. Do you mean to say

14 investment professionals?

15 0 That's exactly what I mean.

16 Α Nine.

17 Ω Is that including you?

18 Α That includes me.

19 Does Fox Asset Management currently

20 have a relationship with the Steelworkers

21 Pension Trust?

22 Α Yes, they do.

23 Q Is there a particular investment

24 professional that is primarily responsible

currently for investing on behalf of the 25

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2 the National Bank of Washington.

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4 services that Mr. Klutz provides to the

5 Steelworkers Pension Trust currently?

6 I couldn't give you a specific

definition.

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11 I would -- our interaction with

12 Mr. Klutz suggests that he does maintain

records concerning the performance and may 13

14 function in what I would describe -- and

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16 He obviously also works closely with

17 an investment management consultant; I

19 manager performance and manager selection,

20 but I do not know his former role or title.

22 Α I've met Mr. Dahab once previously.

23 Q When was that?

24 Α Spring of 2005.

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Q What is your understanding of the

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Q Well, was he responsible for

9 reviewing the investment performance of the

Steelworkers Pension Trust money managers?

it's my terminology -- a business manager.

18 believe it's Dahab Associates, in reviewing

21 Q Do you know Mr. Dahab?

Q How many clients are currently

Case 1:05-cv-10226-CM Document 3-4 Filed 12/19/2005 Page 7 of 29 18 20 1 Dodge Dodge 1 2 investing through Fox Asset Management? 2 assumption of those duties in May or June of 3 I don't know exactly. The total 3 2005? 4 number of accounts at Fox's is slightly in 4 Α Doug Edler. 5 excess of a thousand. 5 Q How do you spell that last name? 6 Ω How many accounts are as large or 6 Α E, as in Edward, D-L-E-R, and before 7 larger than the Steelworkers Pension Trust? 7 that, up until his resignation, Robert 8 Α Less than five. 8 Lamberty. And prior to that and from 9  $\circ$ Did you have any relationship with 9 inception until I believe the year 2000, 10 the Steelworkers Pension Trust prior to 10 Peter Skirkanich. 11 joining Fox Asset Management? 11 Do you have -- do you know the dates 12 Α I have not. 12 for which Mr. Skirkanich managed the steel 13 Q Do you know what the total amount of 13 pension trust investments, approximately? 14 assets that the Steelworkers Pension Trust 14 I don't know the date in the year 15 currently has invested through Fox Asset 15 2000, or the month even. 16 Management? 16 Do you know when he passed the duties 17 Exactly, I do not. 17 to Mr. Lamberti? Q 18 Approximately? 18 Yes, but he was the portfolio manager 19 Α A hundred million. 19 responsible for the account from the signing 20 Q Do you have a sense of how in the 20 of the contract through his retirement and 21 aggregate the Steelworkers Investment Trust 21 resignation in November of '04. The sole 22 assets have -- strike that question. portfolio manager, actually. 22 23 Do you have a sense of how the assets 23 Am I correct then that Mr. Lamberti 24 the Steelworkers Investment Trust has 24 managed it from November of '04 through invested through Fox Asset Management have 25 25 January 8th of 2005? 19 21 1 Dodge 1 Dodae 2 perform over the last two years? Perhaps we 2 Α I would say yes, to approximately 3 can put a finer point on it. Has it out 3 those dates. 4 performed the S&P? And Mr. Edler managed the investments 4 0 5 Α Yes. from January 8, 2005 through May or June of 5 6 Q Do you know by how much? 6 2005? 7 Off the top of my head, no. I have 7 April, May. 8 it right here in front of me on the 8 Q Is Mr. Edler still with Fox Asset 9 computer. Can I look it up if you'd like to 9 Management? 10 know? 10 Α He is. Yes, he is.

- 11 0 I don't think that's -- that's not
- 12 necessary to take your time to do that.
- 13 It's a relatively wide margin versus
- 14 the S&P, but I don't know precisely over the
- 15 last two years.
- 16 Q How many clients, for how many
- 17 clients are you personally supervising their
- 18 investment currently?
- 19 Α Seven, perhaps.
- 20 Q Are they all large accounts?
- 21 Α Yes, they tend to be large accounts.
- 22 Q Do you know who at Fox Asset
- 23 Management was responsible for making
- 24 investment decisions concerning the
- Steelworkers Pension Trust prior to your 25

- 11 0 Did your assumption of the position
- 12 of investment manager of securities for the
- 13 Steelworkers Pension Fund have anything to
- 14 do with Mr. Edler's performance?
- 15 Α No, sir.
- Do you have any other training in 16 Q
- 17 accounting other than whatever you received
- 18 in the course of getting your MBA?
- 19 Do you mean accounting specifically,
- 20 specifically what would be a CPA or
- something like that? 21
- 22 Q Yes.
- 23 Α No.
- 24 Q Do you have any training in finance
- 25 other than what you received through the

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- 2 course of getting your MBA?
- 3 A No
- 4 Q Does Fox Asset Management manage its
- 5 own investments as well as the investments
- 6 of others?
- 7 A Fox, yes.
- 8 Q How much of the -- how much Fox
- 9 assets are under investment?
- 10 A Less than \$250,000.
- 11 Q Maybe you can just briefly describe
- 12 to me the business mission of Fox Asset
- 13 Management as you understand it.
- 14 A Well, our mission is to manage our
- 15 client assets in accordance with a value
- 16 discipline and achieve performance results
- 17 in excess of standard industry benchmarks
- 18 across a range of value products.
- 19 Q What do you mean when you say you try
- 20 to achieve results across a range of value
- 21 products?

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- 22 A We have small cap, mid cap and large
- 23 cap value products and we have others across
- 24 the capitalization spectrum, each of which
- 25 is evaluated traditionally by standard

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- 2 A We are value investors in the
- 3 tradition of Benjamin Graham and Paul
- 4 Miller, and we do not buy securities. We're
- 5 a price/earnings ratio. Our price to cash
- 6 flow, our multiples exceed 80 percent of the
- 7 underlying benchmarks. P/E ratios are
- 8 priced to cash flow, multiple.
- 9 We -- after we have screened the
- 10 market for companies that passed that
- 11 threshold, we examine the overall quality of
- 12 the company's balance sheet, its industry
- 13 position and relative competitive advantages
- 14 or disadvantages, the quality of management,
- 15 and we select securities after that
- 16 evaluation for inclusion of the portfolio.
- We meet as a group. We have an linvestment committee that reviews new
- 18 investment committee that reviews new19 recommendations prior to inclusion of client
- 20 portfolios. We buy the stocks and with an
- 21 independent trading desk.
- 22 Q Does Fox Asset Management focus in
- 23 particular sectors for their investors?
- 24 A Sector allocations are the residual
- 25 of our screening process and are subject to

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- 2 benchmarks, such as the S&P 500, Russell
- 3 indexes or custom benchmarks.
- 4 Q Do clients invest in a particular
- 5 type of fund within Fox Asset Management?
- 6 In other words, do they focus on small cap,
- 7 mid cap or large cap?
- 8 A Could you repeat that question?
- 9 MR. WALLIN: Why don't we just
- strike that question. Let me try and
- 11 ask it again.
- 12 Q Do individual clients of Fox Asset
- 13 Management set their own investment
- 14 strategies?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q What is your understanding of what
- 17 the Steelworkers Pension Trust investment
- 18 strategy was?
- 19 A They want us to use a broad value
- 20 benchmark, and we are encouraged to invest
- 21 across the value spectrum in small, medium
- 22 and large capitalization stocks consistent
- 23 with our underlying investment process.
- 24 Q Can you describe your underlying
- 25 investment process?

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- 2 evaluation. We, from time to time, have
- 3 significant exposures to industries, and it
- 4 varies from time to time when we have
- 5 significant exposures. We have limits with
- 6 respect to percentage of the portfolio that
- 7 can be in any given industry or in any
- 8 different securities. That does provide a
- 9 cap to that exposure.
- 10 Q In which sector would you place Veeco
- 11 Instruments?
- 12 A Broadly, technology or instruments,
- 13 electronic instruments.
- 14 Q When did you first hear of Veeco
- 15 Instruments?
- 16 A Veeco, 1981. Somewhere back in the
- 17 '80s.
- 18 Q Have you ever purchased Veeco
- 19 Instruments securities for a client other
- 20 than the Steelworkers Pension Trust?
- 21 A I believe so.
- 22 Q I won't ask you the details about
- 23 them now.
- 24 A I believe the National Bank of
- 25 Washington, somewhere in 1981, 1982.

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- 2 Q Any other purchases that you can
- 3 recall?
- 4 Α I think I can say emphatically, no.
- 5 Q Who is currently on the investment
- 6 committee of Fox Asset Management?
- 7 Α Bill Dodge, Doug Edler, Greg Greene,
- 8 G-R-E-E-N-E, George Pierides,
- 9 P-I-E-R-I-D-E-S, Phil Laverson,
- 10 L-A-V-E-R-S-O-N, Bradley Ohlmuller,
- 11 O-H-L-M-U-L-L-E-R, and Phillip Sloan,
- 12 S-L-O-A-N.
- 13 Ω That sounds like the entire list of
- 14 investment professionals; is that correct?
- 15 It is not correct. That are two.
- 16 three others that are not there.
- Okay. And how often does the 17 Ω
- 18 investment committee meet?
- 19 Α Approximately weekly, or as market
- 20 conditions dictate.
- 21 Do you have the final say currently
- 22 on all investment decisions?
- I hope so. 23 Α
- 24 Q You sound skeptical.
- 25 Α Not really. Yes, I do.

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- 2 To exceed the S&P 500, Russell 1000
- 3 value benchmarks over time.
- 4  $\circ$ Do you feel that Fox Asset Management

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- 5 has met those investment objective over the
- 6 last two or three years?
- 7 Α Absolutely.
- 8 How would you characterize the
- 9 Steelworkers Pension Trust's tolerance for
- 10 risk?
- 11 Α I think their tolerance for risk is
- defined by a well-diversified portfolio, and 12
- 13 they don't go beyond that.
- 14 Has Fox Asset Management, or I should
- 15 say during the last three years has Fox
- 16 Asset Management purchased any other
- 17 securities on behalf of the Steelworkers
- 18 Pension Trust other than equities?
- 19 Α I couldn't say for sure.
- 20 Q Are you aware of the purchase of
- 21 anything other than equities?
- 22 Α I am not aware of the purchase of
- 23 anything other than equities.
- 24 Q Do you know if Fox Asset Management
- 25 has ever purchased options on the

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- 2 Q Who had that responsibility prior to
- 3 you?

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- 4 During the period between Α
- 5 Mr. Lamberti and myself, it was a committee.
- 6 MS. KARP: Did you mean to say
- 7 between you and Lamberti?
- 8 THE WITNESS: I did. I do
- 9 mean between Lamberti and myself.
- 10 That -- to be specific, that
- 11 time period between Lamberti's 12 departure and my arrival in early
- 13 March, the chair of the investment
- 14 committee was a committee of three
- 15 persons.
- 16 Q Do you know their names?
- 17 Yes, I do. George Pierides, Greg
- 18 Greene, Doug Edler.
- 19 Did Mr. Skirkanich have the final say
- 20 on investment decisions prior to
- 21 Mr. Lamberti?
- 22 Α That's correct.
- 23 Q How would you characterize the
- Steelworkers Pension Trust investment 24
- 25 objectives?

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- 2 Steelworkers Pension Fund's behalf?
- 3 Α There would be no circumstances that
- 4 I imagine that they would have done that.
- 5 Has Fox Asset Management ever
- 6 purchased securities on margin on the
- 7 Steelworkers Pension Fund's behalf?
- 8 I can't imagine any circumstances
- 9 which they would ever do that.
- 10 Q How many securities transactions does
- 11 Fox Asset Management typically engage in on
- the Steelworkers Pension Trust behalf in a 12
- 13 given year?
- 14 I think you should rephrase the
- 15 question. I can't answer it specifically.
- 16 I might answer the question as
- follows by saying or getting at the point 17
- 18 which is our turnover ratio or that
- 19 percentage of the market value of a
- 20 portfolio at December 31st of any year that
- 21 we turn over or sell and buy securities with
- 22 is about 25 percent or 30 percent, so the
- 23 average holding period for securities in our account is three to four years, usually.
- 25 Is that across all of Fox Assets

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- 2 Management's account or just the
- 3 Steelworkers?
- 4 I would say that can be generalized
- 5 plus or minus five percent or so, ten
- 6 percent, across all of our products.
- 7 Q Let me ask you a slightly different
- 8 question: How many different securities is
- 9 Fox Asset Management currently invested in
- 10 on the Steelworkers Pension Trust behalf?
- 11 Α Approximately 53.
- 12 Q Do you know if that number has
- 13 changed significantly over the last two or
- 14 three years?
- 15 Α I do not know.
- 16 0 Who is Fox Asset Management's main
- 17 contact person currently at the Steelworkers
- 18 Pension Trust?
- 19 Α Howard Klutz.
- 20 Q Is Mr. Klutz an employee of the
- 21 Steelworkers Pension Trust?
- 22 Α I don't believe so. I'm sure he's
- 23 not, actually. No, he's not.
- 24 Q How often does Fox Asset Management
- 25 speak to Mr. Klutz concerning the

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- 2 if we're number 1 or number 2 in equities.
- 3 and I think that's the strongest category.
- 4 Year to date, I believe we're number 2. I
- 5 have information here -- well, that's what
- 6 it is.
- 7 Q Does that hold true for the prior two
- 8 years as well?
- 9 You know, gives us the year to date
- 10 information because -- I can't answer that.
- because I came after the year end. I have 11
- 12 not looked at and have not seen what it was
- 13 for the year to end. I know they're happy
- 14 with the relationship, so I'm assuming we've
- 15 been in the top two or three.
- 16 Are you the person at Fox Asset
- 17 Management that is currently primarily
- 18 responsible for communicating with
- 19 Mr. Klutz?
- 20 Α From an investment perspective I am,
- 21 and from a general administrative point of
- 22 view I am not.
- 23 Q Mr. Sloan is the person for the
- 24 administrative point of view?
- 25 Α That's correct.

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- 2 Steelworkers Pension Trust's investments?
- 3 Α Do you mean voice communication?
- 4 Q I should say how often does Fox Asset
- 5 Management communicate with Mr. Klutz
- 6 concerning the Steelworkers Pension Trust
- 7 concerning investments?
- 8 Once a month, at least,
- 9 Q Are those communications typically by
- 10 telephone?

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- 11 I'd say they are more often e-mailed
- 12 or written letters.
- 13 And are these communications
- 14 primarily with you currently?
- 15 Α I believe there's a carbon or cc to
- 16 the marketing contact, our client service
- 17 person, Phillip Sloan and myself. We get
- 18 regularly our performance rank versus the
- 19 other managers and -- that are managing the
- Steelworkers funds so we can see how we're 20
- 21 doing relative to other people.
- 22 And how have you done over the last
- 23 two or three years relative to the
- 24 Steelworkers' other money managers?
- 25 I think we're either -- I'm not sure

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- 2 0Were Mr. Lamberti and Mr. Skirkanich
- 3 the primary investment contacts with
- 4 Mr. Klutz prior to you?
- 5 Well, they were the primary
- 6 investment contacts. To what extent it was
- 7 with Mr. Klutz, I don't know.
- 8 Does Fox Asset Management have a
- 9 contact person that is employed by the
- 10 Steelworkers Pension Trust?
- 11 We do. We have access to -- I
- 12 believe the title is the chairman of that
- 13 board, Mickey -- I don't remember his last
- 14 name. Michael -- I'm drawing a blank.
- 15 Ω How often do you meet --
- 16 Α Hold on one second. Give me one
- 17 second here. Michael Felice.
- 18  $\mathbf{O}$ Is that F-E-L-I-C-E?
- 19 Α That's correct.
- 20 Q How often do you meet with Mr. Felice
- 21 or how often do you communicate with
- 22 Mr. Felice?
- 23 The normal review cycle has been once
- 24 a year. There have been -- unless something
- 25 unusual occurs such as a resignation of a

34 36 1 Dodge 1 Dodge 2 2 senior person or something, the regular to mark that as Dodge Exhibit 1. 3 scheduled meetings are once a year. 3 (Whereupon a document bearing 4  $\circ$ When are those meetings held? 4 production numbers SPT13 through 5 Α 5 SPT21 was marked as Dodge Exhibit 1 lune: 6 Q 6 for identification, as of this date.) Did you attend the most recent 7 7 meeting? MR. WALLIN: For the record. 8 Α I did. 8 it's Bates stamped SPT13 through 9 9 Was there any discussion of the SPT21.  $\mathbf{O}$ 10 Q If you could just take a look at that 10 Steelworkers' investment in Veeco 11 Instruments during that meeting? 11 document for a moment, Mr. Dodge. Let me know when you have had a chance to look at 12 Α What do you mean by any discussions? 12 13 13 Q Did the name Veeco Instruments come īt. 14 Α I've reviewed the documents. 14 up during your most recent meeting? 15 15 Α Yes, the name came up. Do you recognize this as the 16 Q Okay. In what context? 16 investment management agreement between Fox 17 17 Asset Management and Steelworkers Pension Α It was one of the poorest-performing 18 stocks that the portfolio held during the 18 Trust? 19 19 performance period of the first quarter of Α I do. 20 Q 20 Look, if you would, on page 4 of 10 this year ending March 31st. 21 on this document. It's Bates stamped SPT 21 Was there any discussion during that 22 16. 22 meeting concerning the reasons for Veeco 23 23 Instruments' stock performance during that This paragraph indicates that Fox 24 24 period? Asset Management is required to provide some 25 Α No. 25 sort of quarterly reports to the 35 37 1 Dodge 1 Dodge 2 2 Ω Was there any discussion during that Steelworkers Pension Trust; is that correct? 3 3 meeting of why Fox Asset Management had Α That's correct. 4 chosen to invest in Veeco Instruments on the 4 Ο What are the nature of the reports 5 Steelworkers Pension Trust's behalf? that are provided to the Steelworkers 5 6 Pension Trust? Α No 6 Do you know who attended these annual 7 Q 7 We -- we provide an appraisal to the 8 meetings with the Steelworkers Pension Trust 8 listing of the securities, including the 9 prior to you joining the firm? 9 cross basis market value dividend yield, a 10 10 Α No, the most recent ones I don't. percentage of the portfolio in that 11 Peter Skirkanich attended in the past. I 11 particular category. 12 12 don't have recollection of whether or not We provide a performance sheet that 13 Mr. Lamberti ever went, and I believe on one 13 shows the performance versus benchmarks, and 14 occasion Jeff Balae, who I mentioned as a 14 we provide a transaction summary which shows 15 member of Fox Asset, LLC, attended during 15 all activities in the account, in and out, 16 the interim because the principal concern 16 including sales and purchases of securities 17 was the replacement of the CEO following 17 as follow -- well, as cash from dividends 18 Mr. Skirkanich's departure, and Mr. Sloan 18 and interest and any withdrawals that were accompanied him. I'm not sure of the date. 19 made by the owner of the fund. 19 Am I correct that Fox Asset 20 I want to say February, perhaps. 20 21 MR. WALLIN: I'll ask you to 21 Management has the authority to make 22 22 pull out your binder of documents investment decision on behalf of the 23 23 Steelworkers Pension Trust without that I sent you, Mr. Dodge, and look, 24 if you would, at the last tab in the 24 consulting the trust? 25 binder. It's tab 21, and I'm going 25 Α That's correct.

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2 Ω To your knowledge, has Fox Asset

3 Management ever consulted with the

- 4 Steelworkers Pension Trust prior to making
- 5 an investment decision on behalf of the
- 6 Steelworkers Pension Fund's behalf?
- 7 Α To the best of my knowledge, that has
- 8 never happened.
- 9 Has Fox Asset Management ever been
- 10 asked by the Steelworkers Pension Trust
- 11 after an investment decision was made what
- 12 the basis for the decision was?
- 13 Α Not that I'm aware of.
- 14 0 Is that typical for large pension
- 15 investors like the Steelworkers Pension
- 16 Trust?
- 17 Α I think it's quite normal that the
- 18 fiduciaries would not ask questions about
- 19 additional securities in the portfolio.
- 20 Other than the discussion that you
- 21 mentioned during the most recent annual
- 22 meeting, are you aware of any discussions
- 23 between Fox Asset Management and the
- 24 Steelworkers Pension Trust concerning Veeco
- 25 Instruments?

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- 2 To the best of my knowledge and
- 3 according to our records, no.
- 4 0 What do you mean about Veeco's
- 5 business, the nature of it?
- 6 Α I don't know a lot, to be honest with
- 7 vou. It's electronic instruments and
- 8 devices used for the manufacturer of
- 9 microelectronic parts located in New York or
- 10 Long Island, relatively small company, and
- 11 that's about the extent of my knowledge.
- 12 Do you know if Fox Asset Management
- at any point during the last three years has 13
- 14 ever communicated directly with anyone
- 15 employed by Veeco Instruments?
- 16 I believe there's been some contact
- 17 with the investor relations person by Peter
- 18 Skirkanich, but I cannot confirm that.
- 19 Why do you think that such a
- 20 communication may have taken place?
- 21 Because I've discussed the situation with members of the staff who were here
- 23 during that period, and that's the best
- 24 recollection that I can find among the staff
- 25 members of any contact.

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- 2 Α I am not aware of any, no.
- 3 Q And I used the word "discussions,"
- 4 and I mean written communications as well;
- 5 would that be correct?
- 6 Yes. That wouldn't be any cause to
- 7 change -- still, to the best of my
- knowledge, obviously, as I said, there's a 8
- 9 client service function here.
- 10 Q Yes.
- 11 Α And to the extent of my knowledge of
- 12 that, not knowing all and everything that
- 13 Phil Sloan does on every given day with any
- 14 given account, I would say there has been
- 15 none.
- 16 Q Look back at the Dodge Exhibit 1 to
- 17 page 4 of 10 which we were looking at
- 18 before, paragraph 15, subpart B which states
- 19 that Fox is expected to be able to produce
- 20 upon request of the client documentation of
- 21 its buy, sell and hold decisions.
- 22 Α Yes.
- 23 Ω Did the Steelworkers Pension Trust
- 24 ever request any documentation of the sort
- 25 referenced in this subpart to paragraph 15?

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- 2 Q Do you know approximately when that
- 3 communication may have taken place?
- 4 Α No. There's no specific recollection
- 5 of when, other than there was some effort by
- 6 Mr. Skirkanich to maintain regular contact
- 7 with the investor relations contact person.
- 8 Q Do you know who that investors
- 9 relations contact person was?
- 10 I do not, no, and I asked members of
- 11 the staff that were most familiar, and the
- 12 answer I got was if I saw, I believe, this
- 13 woman's name I would remember it, but none
- of them remember that person's name off the 14
- 15 top of their head.
- 16 Okay. I take it that they remember
- 17 it was a woman rather than a man?
- 18 I would say that's speculation. I'm
- 19 not sure.
- 20 Q Okay. Fine. I believe that you
- 21 previously described Veeco Instruments as a
- 22 company in the high-tech or electronic
- 23 instruments sector; is that correct?
- 24 Α I think that's a fair representation
- 25 of what I said, yes.

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42 44 1 Dodge 1 Dodge MS. PARKER: That's fine. 2 Q What sources of information does Fox 2 3 Asset Management currently use to follow 3 3:45, say, 3:50? 4 that sector? 4 MS. KARP: That's fine. 5 5 Α We use Wall Street research in (Whereupon, a recess was taken 6 6 particular, industry reports and general from 3:45 p.m. until 3:50 p.m.) 7 news services and standard federal filing. 7 Q You mentioned a rally in the 8 Are there particular Wall Street 8 high-tech sector towards the end of 2003. 9 research outlets that Fox Asset Management 9 Do you know when that rally ended? 10 relies on with respect to this sector? 10 Α I don't know that it has, to be 11 I don't think I'd single out one. 11 Α honest with you. 12 Q Are there particular industry reports 12 Q You mentioned earlier in your 13 that Fox Asset Management relies on? 13 deposition a number of factors that Fox 14 Industry reports is pretty general. 14 Asset Management uses in evaluating 15 When I say industry reports, I mean to say 15 potential investments. Am I correct that 16 trade press and things like that. 16 certain factors are more important than 17 Q 1 see. 17 others depending on the sector? 18 Α So whatever's available. 18 Α No, I don't think so. 19 Q How has the high-tech sector 19 Q Are there financial matrixes that you 20 performed as a whole over the last three 20 regard as more important in evaluating the 21 vears? 21 potential future performance of high tech. 22 Α Without being specific, not very 22 companies as opposed to companies in other 23 good. 23 sectors? 24 Did I hear you say factors? Q How is it performed as compared to 24 А 25 other major sectors in the market? 25 Q No, I said financial matrix. 43 45 1 Dodge 1 Dodge 2 Α For three years? 2 Α Financial matrix. Generally, no. Q 3 Yes. 3 Research and development spending can be 4 Α It's underperformed. 4 considered as a more important issue in 5 Q Is it underperformed for the last two 5 technology in most industries, but with that 6 years as well? 6 exception, I would say no. 7 7 It's different -- it's hard for me to Do you regard research and 8 know in the past two years. There's been a 8 development spending as a positive sign in 9 really big rally, in fact, that began 9 high-tech industries? 10 sometime in late 2003 or in 2003, depending 10 Relative R&D spending, that would be 11 on what sector, and I'm not sure that the 11 relative to peers, yes. 12 magnitude of that rally has been impressive 12 Why is that positive in review of 13 in absolute terms, and I would think there that sector? 13 14 is not anywhere near as significant an 14 Α The life cycle of technology products is pretty short, and staying in front of the 15 underperformance as there would be in the 15 16 three-year level. 16 curve, the technology curve, the leading 17 17 To your knowledge, did Fox Asset edge of technological development is 18 Management ever have any access to any 18 dependent, staying on the leading edge of 19 nonpublic information concerning Veeco 19 technological development is dependent on 20 Instruments? 20 continued reinvestment profits into research 21 Α No. 21 and development. 22 MR. WALLIN: I'd like to take 22 Any other matrix that you consider 23 about a five-minute break here, and 23 particularly important in the high-tech 24 then hopefully we can just go through 24 sector? 25 to the end if that's okay. 25 Α No.

46 48 1 Dodge 1 Dodge 2 Q Do you consider the strength of a 2 transactions involving Veeco Instruments between 1/02/1997 and 11/28/05 for the 3 company's technology to be particularly 3 4 important in the high-tech sector? 4 account of Steelworkers Pension Trust. 5 Α 5 I don't know what strength of  $\circ$ Is this an internal Fox Asset 6 technology means. 6 Management document? In other words, is 7 Q Do you consider the financial 7 this a document that you provide to clients? 8 potential of technology under development to 8 Α 9 9 be an unusual important factor in the Q Is it part of the quarterly reports 10 high-tech industry? 10 that were referenced in the investment 11 Α If you don't mind my asking, you mean 11 management agreement that we looked at 12 previously? future potential? The future potential of a 12 13 product is important in the future sector. 13 Α Similar details. 14 I don't believe it's any more important in 14  $\mathbf{Q}$ Am I correct that when Fox Asset 15 technology than in medicine or lots of other 15 Management makes a decision to invest in a 16 industries. I don't think it's a unique 16 particular company, that it may well 17 variable for technology, no. 17 purchase securities in the targeted company 18 Do you consider the technical 18 on behalf of more than one client? That's generally the case, yes. Not 19 viability of a company's technology under 19 20 development to be a particular important 20 a hundred percent of the time, but it's 21 factor in the high-tech industry? I'm not 21 generally the case. 22 trying to be difficult. 22 All I'm trying to get at is, I wanted 23 Α I know you're not. The credibility 23 to confirm that investment evaluations are 24 of a future potential of a product is so 24 not necessarily client specific. 25 dependent. 25 Α I'm not sure I understand. When you 47 49 1 Dodge 1 Dodge 2 say investment evaluations --Let me get down to specifics. How do 2 3 you evaluate the credibility of a high-tech 3 In other words, you're not evaluating 4 company's technology? 4 the potential investments solely for including it in one client's portfolio? 5 Well, we rely on the opinion of other 5

6 analysts, specialists, as reported in the 7 trade press, as I mentioned before. Our 8 general knowledge of the solution that the product brings to process. The breadth of 9 10 the application potential of the technology 11 across industries or products as we would 12 learn from talking to the company, talking 13 to other industry specialists and analysts, 14 but ultimately it's a judgment call. 15 Q Go back to your binder, if you would, 16 and look at tab 12 which has been previously 17 marked as Hoffman Exhibit 12 and was a 18 document that was produced by your counsel 19 several days ago. 20 Α I have it in front of me. 21 Q Do you recognize this document?

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24 is?

25 Α I do.

6 No, not generally. We're evaluating 7 the relative attractiveness of the 8 individual security first and then using it 9 in whatever client mandate is relevant. 10 I'm not going to ask you to confirm 11 that the exact trade amounts listed on 12 Exhibit 12 here are correct. I believe that 13 counsel for Fox -- for the Steelworkers 14 Pension Trust has already confirmed that 15 they believe that the quantities are 16 correct. What I want to ask you about is 17 the reasons behind these investment 18 decisions. 19 Take a look at the first transaction. 20 The purchase of transaction shares on 21 November 29, 2000. 22 Α Yes. 23 Q What facts are you aware of that exhibited the Fox Asset Management decision

to purchase that block of shares on behalf

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Can you tell me what that document

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16 Α That's correct. 17 Exhibit 12 also reflects the sale of 18 40,000 shares of Veeco Instruments stock on January 6, 2004 in three separate lots. Do 20 you see that? Α I do. 21

to sell Veeco Instruments stock at that

21 Do you know why the decision was made

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18 It was our belief that the earnings and price earnings multiple would fall 19

Why was the decision made to sell at

20 outside of our acceptable range. The stock had been under significant pressure since

22 the beginning of the year and was down close

23 to a level where we would normally sell it,

24 and we did.

that time?

25 Q When you say it had been down to a

time?

I do not.

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54 56 1 Dodge 1 Dodge 2 level where you would normally sell it, are 2 other clients, but did Fox Asset Management 3 you referring to a P/E ratio? 3 purchase Veeco Instrument stocks oon behalf 4 We're not going to allow a stock to 4 of other clients besides the Steelworkers 5 5 just keep going down and it was Pension Trust? 6 fundamentally unattractive, and that 6 Α One other account in May of '04. 7 7 Okay. Did Fox Asset Management, to unattractiveness was fundamental of the Q 8 your knowledge, ever invest any of its own ratio at that time. 8 9 What other factors made you consider 9 funds in Veeco Instruments? 10 to sell other than the price earnings ratio? 10 Ever? I don't know that they're -- I don't 11 Q That you're aware of. 11 12 12 Α believe there were any other significant I'm sorry. Did you say ever? 13 issues. It was the fundamental outlook for 13 Yes, or in the last four years. 14 earnings and the price earnings ratio based 14 Α I don't know. If you were to confine 15 on that fundamental outlook of earnings. 15 it to the dates involving -- in the last two 16 What materials did Fox Asset 16 years or three years, I'm pretty sure the 17 Management review in reaching the decision 17 answer is no. Had Fox Assets Management's 18 to sell at that time? 18 Q 19 Α I do not know specifically. 19 assessment of the potential of Veeco 20 20 0 Who made the decision? Instruments' technology changed between May 21 Δ Gregory Greene. 21 of 2004 and May of 2005? 22 22 Did he consult with you in making I have no way of knowing. 23 that decision? 23 Q What internal communications do you 24 24 Α It was a group decision. recall within Fox Asset Management 25 Q What is the general manner that Fox 25 concerning the decision to sell Veeco 55 57 1 Dodge 1 Dodge 2 Asset Management does to monitor the 2 Instruments' securities in May of 2005? 3 performance of investments? 3 I don't recall any and I don't have Α 4 Α I'm sorry. Could you repeat that or 4 any. 5 rephrase the question? 5 0 Well, how did you become aware that 6 What is the general manner which Fox 6 the decision had been made to sell 7 7 Asset Management does to monitor the securities at that time? 8 performance of investments? 8 Hooked at the transaction summary, 9 Α Well, we have people that watch them 9 which is what is Exhibit 12, redacted, and 10 almost on a daily basis. The investment 10 also I inquired of the various members of 11 committee meets weekly or about weekly and 11 the investment staff who would have executed 12 considers important movement in Fox. Any 12 the order and what the reason for it was. 13 stocks that move significantly in any

14 direction is discussed most often. 15 We have quarterly reviews where we 16 review the account situation as part of an 17 account review. Like I said, that's on a

quarterly basis. So some aspects daily, 19 other aspects roughly weekly and formal

20 reviews on a quarterly basis.

21 Do you recall any discussion of Fox 22 Asset Management and Veeco Instruments

23 during these quarterly reviews?

24 Α I do not.

25 Q I won't ask you the specific names of 13 Okay. Am I correct that you didn't

14 know about the decision at the time it was

15 made?

16 Α I don't recall. You know, I don't

recall the specific decision, no. 17

18 Do you know which securities analysts

19 have covered Veeco during the last couple of

20 years?

21 Α Do you mean to say Fox analysts or do

22 you mean to say outside analysts?

23 Ο I mean to say outside analysts.

24 Α I do not know.

Do you know if Mr. Greene spoke to 25 Q

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I appreciate your appearing on

such short notice, Mr. Dodge, and I

that's it.

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